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Reference: DEPCIRTEL 726; EMBTELS 118, 119

Foreign Office last evening conveyed Prime Ministers decision on US request for refusal Soviet over flights (DEPCIRTEL 726). Prime Minister stated that under conditions existing immediately after quarantine he would have agreed to impose outright prohibition of Bloc overflights and landing privileges. However, he would now prefer to hold injunction in abeyance while UN efforts underway. Should situation deteriorate he will be prepared to block Soviet air traffic to Cuba or South America.

Since no such traffic has occurred, and no Bloc requests received, I believe Prime Ministers decision is about as forthcoming as can be expected, and expressed our appreciation to Permanent Secretary.

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